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E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: QEXC SCUL JO
SUBJECT: FY-05 RP: "PROMOTING INTERFAITH DIALOGUE," NOVEMBER
21 - DECEMBER 10, 2005

¶1. THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION IN IRAQ NOMINATES THREE
PARTICIPANTS FOR SUBJECT PROGRAM.

¶2. MR.DALUZ A. MOHAMMED, MR.MAJID I. MOHAMED, AND MR. MUNIR
¶H. KHUDAIR HAVE RECEIVED COUNTRY TEAM APPROVAL FOR THEIR
PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM.

¶3. START FIXED-FORMAT TEXT (PLEASE DO NOT EDIT):
: THE FOLLOWING DATA IS IN A FIXED FORMAT WHICH ENABLES
: AUTOMATED PROCESSING IN WASHINGTON AND SHOULD NOT BE
: EDITED EXCEPT BY MEANS OF THE POST-EVDB SOFTWARE.

EXPORT-SOURCE: POST-EVDB

VERSION: 3.0.7

POST-EMAIL: ALDADAWM@STATE.GOV

TRANSMITTING-POST: PAS AMMAN

TRANSMITTING-POST-ID: 2887

EXPORT-TYPE: BIO DATA

START NOMINATION:

ECA-OFFICE: E/VGN

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 270

ECA-PROJ-NO: E/VGN-2006-0013

PROJ-NAME: PROMOTING INTERFAITH DIALOGUE / IRAQ

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: REGIONAL

PROG-TYPE: IV GRANT VISITOR

FY: 2005

DEPART-POST: 11/19/2005

SESSION-DATE: 11/21/2005

RETURN-POST: 12/10/2005

NO-OF-PART: 3

RANK-ORDER: 0

START MEMO POST-OBJ:

END MEMO POST-OBJ:

START MEMO POST-RCMD:

END MEMO POST-RCMD:

ECA-OFFICE-ID: 1039

PROG-AGENCY-ID:

PROJ-TYPE-ID: RP

PROG-TYPE-ID: 29

NOMINATING-POST-ID: 2887

FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:

STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: U

SUBJ-DISC:

START BIO:

PREFIX: MR.

F-NAME: MAJID

M-NAME: I.

L-NAME: MOHAMED

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 350

PRINCIPAL: YES

GENDER: M

DOB: 06/21/1960

MAR-STAT:

BIRTH-CITY: BAGHDAD

BIRTH-CNTRY: IRAQ

CITIZ-CNTRY: IRAQ

RES-CNTRY: IRAQ

START MEMO POSITION:

IMAM OF THE "GRAND MOSQUE," SULAIMANIYA, IRAQ, PAST MANY

YEARS

END MEMO POSITION:

START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

NONE

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:

START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

JORDAN

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

START MEMO EDUCATION:

BA, ISLAMIC SCIENCE AND HISTORY, ISLAMABAD, LAHOOR,

PAKISTAN, 1992-1996
END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
NONE
END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
NONE
END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
NO PORK
NO ALCOHOL
END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
FIRST-LANG: KURDISH
ENGL-READ: 3
ENGL-SPEAK: 3
ENGL-COMP: 3
START OTHER-LANGS:
OTHER-LANG: ARABIC
OTHER-LANG-ID: AR
READ: 0
SPEAK: 0
COMP: 0
END OTHER-LANGS:
START OTHER-LANGS:
OTHER-LANG: URDU
OTHER-LANG-ID: UR
READ: 0
SPEAK: 0
COMP: 0
END OTHER-LANGS:
START OTHER-LANGS:
OTHER-LANG: FARSI
OTHER-LANG-ID: FI
READ: 0
SPEAK: 0
COMP: 0
END OTHER-LANGS:
START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:

END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
START MEMO VIS-OBJ:

END MEMO VIS-OBJ:
START MEMO VIS-REC:

END MEMO VIS-REC:
NOMINATING-OFFICER: BILL GRANT, GC, CPA SULAIMANIYA
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
SHEIK MAJID IS ONE OF THE CHIEF CLERICS IN SULAIMANIYA AND FORMERLY HELD ELECTED POSITIONS IN SULAIMANIYA; HE GAVE UP THESE POSITIONS BECAUSE HE FELT THEY WERE TOO POLITICIZED AND HE WANTED TO REMAIN INDEPENDENT. SHEIK MAJID HOLDS A VERY PRO-COALITION VIEWPOINT AND PREACHES ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE "NEW IRAQ" TO HIS HUNDREDS OF FOLLOWERS. INFLUENTIAL, INTELLIGENT, AND RELATIVELY YOUNG AMONG THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF THE COMMUNITY, SHEIK MAJID IS A GREAT CANDIDATE FOR AN IV PROGRAM.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
NOM-OFF: IRAQ-SULAIMANIYA
SPEAKER: NO
NOTIFY-EMB: NO
MEDIA: NO
HOME-STAY: NO
HOME-HOSP: YES
E-I-TYPE: INTERPRETER
NOMINEE-ID: 443
PERSON-ID: 445
BIRTH-CNTRY-ID: IZ
CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: IZ
RES-CNTRY-ID: IZ
FIRST-LANG-ID: KU
E-I-TYPE-ID: I
NOM-POST-ID: 2887
NOM-FUNDING-CNTRY-ID: 43698
NOM-STATUS: N
DS2019-ACTION: 1
DS2019-SUBJECT: 38.0299
SPONS-FUNDS: 0
SPONS-AGENCY1: DOS
USGOVT-AGENCY1: DOS
US-AGENCY-AMT1: 8000
USGOVT-AGENCY2:
US-AGENCY-AMT2: 0
INTL-ORG1:
INTL-ORG-AMOUNT1: 0
INTL-ORG2:
INTL-ORG-AMOUNT2: 0
VIS-GOVT-AMT: 0
COMMISSION: 0
OTHER-AMOUNT: 0
VIS-AMOUNT: 0

VIS-CAT: 5
END BIO:
START BIO:
PREFIX: MR.
F-NAME: MUNIR
M-NAME: H.
L-NAME: KHUDAIR
SUFFIX:
POSITION-CODE: 350
PRINCIPAL: YES
GENDER: M
DOB: 01/19/1967
MAR-STAT: M
BIRTH-CITY: BAGHDAD
BIRTH-CNTRY: IRAQ
CITIZ-CNTRY: IRAQ
RES-CNTRY: IRAQ
START MEMO POSITION:
IMAM, SHAHEED AL-SABRI MOSQUE, BAGHDAD
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
ENGINEER AND BUILDING CONTRACTOR
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
NONE
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
TWO TRIPS TO SAUDI ARABIA FOR THE HAJ; SYRIA; UAE
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
M.A. SHARIA (ISLAMIC LAW), SHARIA ACADEMY, BAGHDAD, 1998;
B.A. ENGINEERING, BAGHDAD TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY, 1991
END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
MEMBER, IRAQI ISLAMIC PARTY; MEMBER, ENGINEERING SYNDICATE
END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
NONE
END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
NO ALCOHOL
NO PORK
END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
FIRST-LANG: ARABIC
ENGL-READ: 3
ENGL-SPEAK: 3
ENGL-COMP: 3
START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
START MEMO VIS-OBJ:
END MEMO VIS-OBJ:
START MEMO VIS-REC:
END MEMO VIS-REC:
NOMINATING-OFFICER: JEFFREY BEALS
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
MUNIR KHUDAIR IS AN EXTREMELY INTRIGUING AND APPROPRIATE CANDIDATE FOR AN IV PROGRAM ON INTERFAITH DIALOGUE. HE IS A SUNNI ARAB CLERIC WHO HAS BEEN DEVASTATED BY THE VIOLENCE AND DESTRUCTION IN IRAQ SINCE THE FALL OF SADDAM HUSAYN'S REGIME. HE IS ALSO A CLERIC WHO HAD HIS OWN DEEP MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE RULE OF SADDAM HUSAYN. MORE IMPORTANTLY, HE IS A RELIGIOUS LEADER WHO HAS DEEP DOUBTS ABOUT U.S. INTENTIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST BUT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE LACKS FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ABOUT AMERICA. I WAS THE FIRST AMERICAN HE HAD MET AND THE EXPERIENCE WAS JARRING FOR US BOTH. KHUDAIR IS MORE THAN A SKEPTIC ABOUT AMERICA'S TOLERANCE - HE IS A LEADING MEMBER OF THE IRAQI ISLAMIC ORGANIZATION AND MUSLIM ULEMA COUNCIL, TWO OF THE SUNNI ARAB ORGANIZATIONS MOST CRITICAL TO THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY IN IRAQ. BOTH GROUPS HAVE BEEN ANGRY CRITICS OF THE OCCUPATION, AND BOTH WILL NEED TO COME ON BOARD THE POLITICAL PROCESS IF A NEW IRAQ IS TO BE BUILT. KHUDAIR IS GAMBLING BY EVEN ANNOUNCING HIS DESIRE TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES. THAT LEVEL OF FLEXIBILITY AND OPENNESS COULD COST HIM HIS LIFE FROM SOME OF HIS CONGREGANTS. WE SHOULD TAKE HIM UP ON THE OFFER.
END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
NOM-OFF: BAGHDAD
SPEAKER: NO
NOTIFY-EMB: YES
MEDIA: NO
HOME-STAY: NO

HOME-HOSP: YES
E-I-TYPE: INTERPRETER
NOMINEE-ID: 604
PERSON-ID: 603
BIRTH-CNTRY-ID: IZ
CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: IZ
RES-CNTRY-ID: IZ
FIRST-LANG-ID: AR
E-I-TYPE-ID: I
NOM-POST-ID: 2887
NOM-FUNDING-CNTRY-ID: 0
NOM-STATUS: N
DS2019-ACTION: 1
DS2019-SUBJECT: 38.0201
SPONS-FUNDS: 8000
SPONS-AGENCY1:
USGOVT-AGENCY1:
US-AGENCY-AMT1: 0
USGOVT-AGENCY2:
US-AGENCY-AMT2: 0
INTL-ORG1:
INTL-ORG-AMOUNT1: 0
INTL-ORG2:
INTL-ORG-AMOUNT2: 0
VIS-GOVT-AMT: 0
COMMISSION: 0
OTHER-AMOUNT: 0
VIS-AMOUNT: 0
VIS-CAT: 5
END BIO:
START BIO:
PREFIX: MR.
F-NAME: DALSUZ
M-NAME: AHMAD
L-NAME: MOHAMMED
SUFFIX:
POSITION-CODE: 350
PRINCIPAL: YES
GENDER: M
DOB: 12/26/1971
MAR-STAT: M
BIRTH-CITY: KHANAQIN, DIYALA PROV
BIRTH-CNTRY: IRAQ
CITIZ-CNTRY: IRAQ
RES-CNTRY: IRAQ
START MEMO POSITION:
1996 - PRESENT: IMAM
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
NONE
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
JAN 2005 - SAUDI ARABIA (HAJJ); SEP 2002 - JUL 2003: YEMEN
(TO WORK AS A TEACHER); SEP 2002 - JORDAN (TRAVEL); OCT 1999
- JORDAN (TOURISM)

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
1993 - 1997: B.A. ISLAMIC SCIENCE, FUNDAMENTALS OF
RELIGION, BAGHDAD UNIVERSITY

END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
MARCH 2005 - PRESENT: MEMBER OF THE DIYALA PROVINCIAL
COUNCIL; COUNCIL OF ISLAMIC SCHOLARS (SUNNI);
KURDISH ISLAMIC PARTY

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
GRADUATION THESIS
END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
NO PORK
NO ALCOHOL
END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
FIRST-LANG: ARABIC
ENGL-READ: 1
ENGL-SPEAK: 1
ENGL-COMP: 1
START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:

END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
START MEMO VIS-OBJ:

END MEMO VIS-OBJ:
START MEMO VIS-REC:

END MEMO VIS-REC:

NOMINATING-OFFICER: SHERMAN L. GRANDY

START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

AN IMAM, DALSOUZ AHMAD MOHAMAD HAS BEEN A KEY LEADER IN DIYALA PROVINCE ADVOCATING UNITY AND TOLERANCE AND REJECTING SECTARIANISM AND TERRORISM. HE HAS FREQUENTLY ENCOURAGED HIS FOLLOWERS TO SEEK A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO IRAQ'S INSURGENCY. HE HAS ACTIVELY WORKED WITH COALITION FORCES IN PROMOTING RECONSTRUCTION. AS A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL, HE IS AN INCLUSIVE LEADER, REACHING OUT TO SHIITE MEMBERS. HE HAS ALSO ESTABLISHED INTERFAITH RELATIONS WITH ATHEISTS IN MUQDADIYAH DISTRICT. HE A STRONG AND NATURAL CANDIDATE FOR THE PROMOTING INTERFAITH DIALOGUE REGIONAL PROGRAM.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

NOM-OFF: SET-DIYALA

SPEAKER: NO

NOTIFY-EMB: NO

MEDIA: NO

HOME-STAY: NO

HOME-HOSP: YES

E-I-TYPE: INTERPRETER

NOMINEE-ID: 605

PERSON-ID: 604

BIRTH-CNTRY-ID: IZ

CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: IZ

RES-CNTRY-ID: IZ

FIRST-LANG-ID: AR

E-I-TYPE-ID: I

NOM-POST-ID: 2887

NOM-FUNDING-CNTRY-ID: 0

NOM-STATUS: N

DS2019-ACTION: 1

DS2019-SUBJECT: 38.0201

SPONS-FUNDS: 8000

SPONS-AGENCY1:

USGOVT-AGENCY1:

US-AGENCY-AMT1: 0

USGOVT-AGENCY2:

US-AGENCY-AMT2: 0

INTL-ORG1:

INTL-ORG-AMOUNT1: 0

INTL-ORG2:

INTL-ORG-AMOUNT2: 0

VIS-GOVT-AMT: 0

COMMISSION: 0

OTHER-AMOUNT: 0

VIS-AMOUNT: 0

VIS-CAT: 5

END BIO:

END NOMINATION:

END FIXED-FORMAT TEXT:

14. PLEASE ADVISE ACCEPTANCE.

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